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Mr. James Billington

Dear Jim:

It was good to receive your letter of 4 April and I hasten to offer you both my congratulations on the forthcoming event.

I have received the copy of your book, and, quite contrary to your apparent expectations, I really hope to have a good look at it.

I will be looking forward to seeing you in June if you do get down to Washington then. Just drop a note or call the office and Miss [ ] will arrange a mutually convenient time for us to get together.

Mrs. Dulles joins me in best wishes to you and Marjorie.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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4 April 1958

Dear Mr. Dulles,

This is just a note to send you my warmest Easter greetings, and best wishes to Mrs. Dulles and Allen as well. I hope to be getting down to Washington early in June and will try to see you then if you have a moment or two free.

My main news is that Marjorie and I are expecting to become parents any day now. Of somewhat less importance is the birth of my book on nineteenth century Russian radicalism of which I have sent you a copy (though I have no illusions of your having time to read it).

I have found teaching most stimulating. I have been giving a course on Russian intellectual history and will be giving a course on "Soviet Russia from the death of Lenin to the launching of the Earth Satellite" at the summer school. (I only wish you could be lured up for the final lecture.) I have been given a promotion, a grant for half-time research next year, and both the Soviet history course and a graduate seminar. Thus, I expect to stay on for a while here, though I still feel torn by continued interest in the Washington picture and would hope to be able to keep in touch with you.

Of some interest is the fact that I have been awarded a grant to visit the USSR, and will probably do so in late August, staying for a month or more if visa arrangements permit.

With again my very best wishes and the hope that I may have a chance to see you in June if not before.

Yours sincerely,

*Jim Billington*